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In re Application of :  
Dowdal : DECISION ON PETITION  
Application No. 09/605,422 :  
For: June 27, 2000 :  
Atty. Dkt. No.: 1.046US :

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed July 24, 2006.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned January 3, 2004 for failure to timely reply to the non-final Office action mailed October 2, 2004. The non-final Office action set a three month shortened statutory period of time for reply. No petition for extension of time was timely submitted. Notice of Abandonment was mailed December 13, 2004. A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was filed June 12, 2006 and dismissed July 6, 2006.

A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m); (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(c).

The instant petition has been reviewed and found in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). Accordingly, the failure to timely submit a proper reply to the non-final Office action is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being directed to Technology Center 2600 for further processing.

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Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alesia M. Brown', written over the printed name.

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